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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the battery of the invention is capable of --being joined to a second battery having a structure corresponding to that of said battery-- and the recitation "the V-shaped engagement plate of another of said battery" has been changed to --a V-shaped engagement plate of said second battery". These amendments provide proper antecedent basis for the "second battery" and avoid any issues relating to clarity of the recitation "said battery".

In claim 2, "a terminal capable of inputting a self-capacitance output from said another of said battery" has been changed to --an input terminal capable of inputting a self-capacitance output from said second battery--. This amendment provides proper antecedent basis for the subsequent recitation of "the input terminal" and avoids any issues relating to antecedent basis for and/or clarity of the recitation "said battery".

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone

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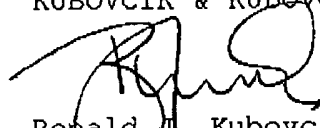
interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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